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REF: A. MASERU 1544, B. MASERU 1547,

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THIRD DAY OF SYMPOSIUM WAS DEVOTED TO AGENDA
ITEM "ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA".
STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIA, USSR, LESOTHO,
KENYA, ECA, ICFTU, ANC, SACTU, SWEDEN, SENEGAL, FRG, NIGERIA,
NETHERLANDS (NON-GOVT REP), IVORY COAST, MOZAMBIQUE, WORLD COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES, PAC AND SOWETO STUDENTS. INTERVENTIONS WERE OF
UNEVEN QUALITY BUT MOST REPEATED POINTS THAT WESTERN INVESTMENT
HELPED SOUTH AFRICA AND SHOULD BE REDUCED. THE MOOD OF THE
SYMPOSIUM REMAINS SUBDUED, DUE PARTLY TO ABSENCE OF ANY
MANIFESTATIONS FROM PUBLIC GALLERIES OCCUPIED BY SEVERAL DOZEN
REPRESENTATIVES AND FOLLOWERS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, STUDENT
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AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. WE ARE AWAITING APPROPRIATE MOMENT TO
MAKE GENERAL STATEMENT REAFFIRMING PRINCIPLES OF U.S. POLICY,
REVIEWING RECORD OF TRYING TO ACHIEVE CHANGE BY PEACEFUL MEANS
AND OF ASSISTING COUNTRIES TO MAINTAIN INDEPENDENCE AND OPPOSITION
TO APARTHEID BY LESSENING DEPENDENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA.
END SUMMARY.

2. SECGEN REP SANON INTRODUCED "BACKGROUND PAPER B" DATED JUNE 10, 1978 ENTITLED "ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF THE BLACK POPULATION IN NAMIBIA" WRITTEN BY ANNAN CATO (HANA). REPORT DISCUSSES MINING, FISHING AND AGRICULTURE SECTORS OF NAMIBIAN ECONOMY AND HIGHLIGHTS GENEROUS PROFITS MADE BY RSA, UK AND US COMPANY OWNERS. REPORT REFERS IN PASSING TO WALVIS BAY "WHICH SOUTH AFRICA HAS MADE DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO CLAIM". THREE OTHER DOCUMENTS WERE CIRCULATED DURING THE DAY: A) "ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA" PREPARED BY ANC, B) COPY OF "CHARTER OF RIGHTS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS IN SOUTH AFRICA, APPROVED IN LUSAKA IN APRIL 1978 AND C) UN-PRODUCED MAP DATED JANUARY 1978 ENTITLED "NAMIBIA - SEARCH FOR URANIUM".

3. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY'S INTERVENTIONS FOLLOW: A) INDIA REP, MRS. SHANTI SADIQ ALI, ACCUSED WEST OF "PROTRACTING" DEBATES ON NAMIBIA TO HELP SAG MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER NAMIBIA AND WESTERN COMPANIES TO CONTINUE MAKING PROFITS. HER REMARKS REFLECTED LACK OF INFORMATION CONCERNING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA; B) USSR (LAPTEV) ACCUSED COLONIALISTS (IN HALTING ENGLISH) OF MAINTAINING THEIR STRATEGY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, LABELLING "PRETORIA A THREAT TO PEACE" AND CALLED APARTHEID "SLAVERY" THAT REQUIRED STRENGTHENED SANCTIONS; C) LESOTHO (MOITSE) STERNLY CRITICIZED WESTERN INVESTMENT IN TERMS CONTRARY TO HIS HEAD OF DELEGATION YESTERDAY WHO INVITED WESTERN INVESTMENT IN RSA TO MOVE TO SURROUNDING COUNTRIES; D) KENYA (ADALA) MADE A SLIGHT IMPACT BY TAKING ISSUE WITH PRECEDING SPEAKERS WHO, UP TO THAT POINT, HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL CRITICIZED "CODES OF CONDUCT". KENYAN REP SAID CODES CONSTITUTED A STEP FORWARD IF PURSUED AS PART OF AN INTEGRATED PLAN TO ELIMINATE APARTHEID; E) ICFTU (KAILEMBO) FIRST CRITICIZED THE CODES OF CONDUCT FOR BEING "TOOTHLESS" BUT THEN SUGGESTED THEY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF COUNTRIES MADE COMPLIANCE A CONDITION FOR CREDIT AND ESTABLISHED WATCHDOG COMMITTEES TO SEE THAT CODES ARE ADHERED TO; F) ANC (MAHARAJ) DENOUNCED WESTERN INVESTMENT IN RSA AND LOANS TO SAG WHICH HE ALLEGED FINANCED INCREASED SAG MILITARY STRENGTH. HE ALLUDED TO ANC "EVIDENCE" IN BOOKLET FORM THAT WESTERN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY FRG, HELPED SAG ACHIEVE NUCLEAR CAPABILITY. HE ALSO ACCUSED CIA IN COOPERATING WITH SAG AND URGED THE LATTER BE OSTRACIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WITH CONSIDERABLE ELOQUENCE HE VOWED TO FIGHT SAG TO THE FINISH; G) SWEDEN (DANELIUS) NOTED NEW PROPOSALS TO RESTRICT SWEDISH INVESTMENT IN RSA AND OUTLINED SWEDISH "FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT" (ALL NON-MILITARY) TO ANC AND SWAPO. FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1978 TO JUNE 30, 1979 SWAPO WILL RECEIVE DOLS 4 MILLION WORTH OF SWEDISH AID; SOME DOLS 3 MILLION TO ANC; H) FRG (BENTIN) REJECTED ANC ALLEGATIONS OF FRG ASSISTANCE TO RSA IN NUCLEAR OR MILITARY MATTERS. HE RECALLED FRG COMMITMENT TO RESOLVING DISPUTES AND EXPLAINED AND DEFENDED CODES OF CONDUCT AS USEFUL FORWARD STOP TOWARD ENDING AFFECTS OF APARTHEID; I) WORLD COUNCIL OF

CHURCHES REP USED RECENT REPORT OF SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA AS AUTHORITY FOR STATING WESTERN COUNTRIES PROP UP SAG BY INVESTMENT AND LOANS. HE ALSO CITED THE REPORT AS "EXPLODING THE MYTH" THAT EMBARGO AGAINST RSA WOULD HURT BLACKS MOST. HE ALLUDED TO SENATOR HELMS' PROPOSAL TO LIFT EMBARGO ON RHODESIA FOR SIX MONTHS AND CONSIDERED IT "NO COINCIDENCE" THAT THIS COMES AT TIME OF REPORTS OF "WESTERN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE ALSO URGED THAT CAMPAIGN AGAINST TNCS BE INTENSIFIED; J) PAC AND SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT REPS BELABORED THE SAG REGIME AND PROMISED TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE.

4. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO INCREASE IN PRESSURE ON US TO TAKE THE FLOOR, AND WE HAVE NOT DONE SO SINCE NO QUESTIONS HAVE ARISEN FOR WHICH MATERIAL RECEIVED WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR RESPONDING.
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NEITHER HAVE THERE BEEN TEXTS OF RESOLUTIONS OR ANY "INITIATIVE REGARDING NAMIBIA" REQUIRING IMMEDIATE CABLES TO DEPARTMENT. AS NOTED REF B, THERE WILL BE NO DECLARATION. WE HEVERTHELESS LOOK FORWARD TO INSTRUCTIONS THAT WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE GENERAL STATEMENT TOMORROW (LAST DAY OF DISCUSSION). ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE DELEGATES ARE FULLY AWARE OF CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY OVER PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS AND OUR EFFORTS TO ADVANCE CAUSE OF MAJORITY RULE, PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS, E.G. IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA, THERE IS STILL AN INTERESTED AUDIENCE THAT AWAITS OUR REAFFIRMATION OF WHAT WE ARE DOING. WE BELIEVE THE SUGGESTED SIX POINT STATEMENT WILL BE A WELCOME AND MODERATING CONTRIBUTION TO PROCEEDINGS.
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